

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE ST. CHARLES GOLF TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio. St. Charles is in my congressional district, and I am proud to recognize a school that not only excels in academics but also distinguishes itself in athletics. The St. Charles Golf Team recently won the 2009 Division I Ohio State Golf Championship. In the championship meeting, St. Charles came from behind to defeat Cincinnati St. Xavier, Cleveland St. Ignatius and Columbus Dublin Coffman. This was the first ever state title for the school's golf program.

The golf team exemplifies outstanding hard work, determination and perseverance. Such a win stands as a reflection of the many hours of practice and level of commitment exhibited by all team members.

Their victory was directed by such talented golfers as Senior Andrew Steffensmeier, Juniors Alex Carpenter, Michael Ricarte and Daniel Wiegandt, and Sophomore Nate Yankovich.

Coached by Anthony Mampieri, this St. Charles alumnus helped instill in his team a commitment to excellence and culture of teamwork.

It is an honor to represent such a fine group of young people who have a strong dedication to teamwork and academics. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them, and the St. Charles community, for this truly great achievement.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I and others have spoken at length on the ways that this bill will improve health care for all of our constituents. Another significant benefit of this legislation which has not received as much attention will be the creation of new high-paying jobs in this country. Let me repeat that for some of my friends on the other side of the aisle, this bill will create high-paying, high-quality jobs in health care delivery, technology, and research in the United States.

First, this bill will create enormous demand for health care workers, especially in the area of primary care. Insuring millions of Americans in this country who currently have no insurance will allow them to see primary care providers and receive the wellness and preventive care they have been denied for too long. This influx of new patients will need doctors, nurses and technicians for their care, while reducing overall health care costs because they will not need much more expensive hospitalizations. I support channeling resources that for too long have been used to treat peo-

ple once they become sick into jobs and services that will prevent people from getting sick in the first place.

Second, this bill will continue the efforts we began in the stimulus package to deploy new health information technologies that better manage both the quality of care patients receive and the cost at which they receive it. New health care exchanges and new demands on the health system to provide high-quality and cost-effective health care will create new opportunities and markets for our brightest minds in technology. They will be incentivized to create and develop products that will be a win/win for Americans: high-quality health care at an affordable price.

Third, this bill will create high-quality research opportunities in this country. The Energy and Commerce Committee enacted a framework for allowing biosimilar competition in this country. This new class of medicines will help lower costs and bring competition to one area that is key to the future of our health care system. Biotechnology is on the cutting edge of efforts to reduce costly invasive procedures and allow our constituents to live healthier and more productive lives. The creation of this new class of medicines comes with requirements for new clinical research and testing, especially in the area of whether a new biosimilar can be interchangeable with an innovator's product. This research will create high-quality and high-paying jobs and it is imperative that we keep this research and these jobs in this country. We cannot allow these research opportunities to leave the United States and we must ensure that these new medicines are safe. I intend to work with the Secretary of HHS and the Commissioner of the FDA to ensure that the testing and research on these biosimilars occur in this country to make certain that it is done properly and safely and to benefit our economy.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is an investment and an exciting opportunity to create the kind of jobs we so desperately need in this United States while at the same time improving the lives of all Americans. This bill will improve health care, create jobs, and grow our economy.

EMERALD PEOPLE'S UTILITY BOARD

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, at a time when our economy is focused on recovery, adopting renewable sources of electricity will spur job creation and economic growth, save consumers money, and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. People's Utility Districts (PUDs) have consistently been at the forefront of this effort.

Emerald PUD, in my congressional district, is an excellent example of People's Utility Districts that have consistently demonstrated a commitment to delivering clean energy and conservation resources to their customers. Due to their relatively small size and local consumer ownership, PUDs are able to meet the unique energy needs of their community while also investing in local renewable energy resources.

For more than a decade Emerald PUD has offered clean renewable energy options to their customers. Their customers have the option to purchase a percentage—or all—of their energy from clean wind power sources. In addition, Emerald PUD regularly assists customers in gaining access to solar energy. Through generous assistance programs they have helped numerous area schools, businesses, and homes to install solar energy systems.

Beyond this investment in sustainable energy, Emerald PUD has made a priority of aiding local residents, industry, and businesses with energy conservation efforts. These projects range from weatherization of homes to the large-scale installation efficient lighting in industrial facilities. Through this sort of individually tailored energy consultation, Emerald PUD has facilitated significant energy savings for many customers who otherwise may not have had access to such resources.

Emerald PUD has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to bringing clean energy and energy conservation resources to all of their customers. Notably, Emerald—and other PUDs—have shown that this can be done while still holding energy costs well below the national average.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DENNIS SHUMAN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DE- FENDER FOR THE FIRST JUDI- CIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Dennis Shuman, a Northwest Florida leader who is retiring after a lifetime of public service to his country and his community. Dennis spent his career serving others, and I am proud to honor this dedication and service.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1965, Dennis Shuman began a career in the United States Navy. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold in December of 1966, and his first operation was as a bombardier in Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven in Vietnam. Subsequent Navy tours took Dennis across the globe in service of his country. For his efforts, Dennis earned the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with four stars. In May of 2008, Dennis and the other surviving members of Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC for their actions over the jungles of Southeast Asia in 1967 and 1968. This is the highest award given to a United States military unit.

Dennis retired from the Navy in 1985 after twenty distinguished years. He graduated from the Florida State University College of Law in 1989 and began his second career as a public servant by joining the Office of the Public Defender in Pensacola, Florida. For twenty years he served the people of Northwest Florida, and he retires as the Chief Assistant Public Defender for the First Judicial Circuit.

In addition to his professional life, Dennis serves on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Committee, a governor-appointed position. He is also actively involved in several local community service organizations including the Boy Scouts of America and First Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Dennis Shuman for his service to Northwest Florida and the United States of America. He has been a dedicated public servant for over forty years. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Dennis and his family as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JULIAN K. QUATTLEBAUM, JR.: BELOVED PHYSICIAN, HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Julian Killen Quattlebaum, Jr. who died today at Candler Hospital in Savannah, Georgia.

Dr. Quattlebaum was born in Savannah on January 16, 1926, attended Charles Ellis School, Richard Arnold Jr. High School, Savannah High School, and graduated cum laude from the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut. He entered the University of Georgia in September 1943 and was accepted as a member of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society and Sigma Chi social fraternity.

His formal education was interrupted when Dr. Quattlebaum was drafted into the Army during World War II. He served as an infantryman in the Western Pacific Theater, and as a surgical tech in the medical department after the surrender of Japan, where he was stationed in the Philippines.

In 1947, Dr. Quattlebaum returned to the University of Georgia, graduating as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society in 1948. He was also a member of the Gridiron Society.

Dr. Quattlebaum graduated summa cum laude from the Medical College of Georgia in 1951 and was president of the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary scholastic society chapter there. He then pursued six years of surgical training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to general surgery, Dr. Quattlebaum's residency provided valuable experience in a wide variety of fields including plastic, head and neck, and cardiothoracic surgery. Johns Hopkins was known for its pyramid residencies in which a number of physicians began their training but only one or two progressed to the level of chief resident and completed the program. Dr. Quattlebaum became one of those prestigious few during his residency, serving as Chief Resident Surgeon from July 1956 to July 1957.

Dr. Quattlebaum next completed a one-year surgical fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota—educating himself always with a vision of bringing the benefits of that gained knowledge home to Savannah. He returned to that city in July 1957 and practiced general, cardiothoracic and laparoscopic surgery here until his retirement in July 2001.

While practicing initially in all nine hospitals in Savannah, Dr. Quattlebaum dedicated himself especially to the creation of the surgical training program at Memorial Hospital. As one of the premiere cardiac surgeons at Memorial, he trained at the National Heart Institute and then raised money in order to establish Savannah's first Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory there. He served as Chief of Surgery at Memorial from 1965 to 1967. He served also in that same capacity at Candler Hospital concurrently and for a total of ten years, as well as the State Board of Health on behalf of Governor Carl Sanders. A massive heart attack in 1967 forced a reduction in Dr. Quattlebaum's schedule; however, he continued to host a monthly Journal Club for the surgical house staff at Memorial for many years.

Among the countless innovations he oversaw, and which advanced the practice of medicine in Savannah, Dr. Quattlebaum introduced the technique of surgery under hypothermia (to allow surgical interruption of blood flow during surgery), this prior to the availability of cardiopulmonary bypass. In January 1990, he performed Savannah's first laparoscopic cholecystectomy, and he was active in advancing use of the laparoscopic technique in numerous procedures of general surgery. Shortly thereafter, he performed the world's first laparoscopic removal of a common bile duct stone.

Dr. Quattlebaum was active also as an administrator: he served on the Board of Trustees of Candler Hospital, was a member of the Candler Foundation Board, and served as the Chairman of Candler's Institutional Review Board for ten years. As well, he was a member of the Georgia Medical Society and the Medical Association of Georgia, serving on its Professional Standards Review Organization Committee's founding committee; and he was a member of the Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Society, the First District Medical Society, the Georgia Surgical Society and the Southern Surgical Association.

On October 20, 2009, Dr. Quattlebaum received the Physician Legends of St. Joseph's/Candler Health System award for innovations defining new frontiers and greatly enhancing the quality of patient care. In his acceptance speech before the assembled medical staff, he shared highlights from his career, which began during his teenage years when he regularly assisted his father in surgery.

Outside of the academic world, Dr. Quattlebaum was active in sports car racing. He was an enthusiast, hobbyist and historian, being Regional Executive (President) of the Savannah Region of the Sports Car Club of America. He held Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) national and Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) international competition licenses and raced throughout the area, including at Daytona. He qualified twice for the interdivisional races in California and was an instructor for SCCA driving schools. He was steward for SCCA and FIA races, and he organized and participated with the medical team in several such events.

Dr. Quattlebaum was also a charter member of both the Savannah Sports Fishing Club and the German Heritage Society, of which he was a past President. He served as President of the Cotillion Club and was a member of the Savannah Yacht Club and the Oglethorpe Club. He was a member of the Isle of Hope United Methodist Church and the Seekers

Sunday School class, as well as a devoted member of the Rotary Club of Savannah South.

Before and during his retirement, Dr. Quattlebaum spent time gardening and growing fruits and vegetables, including an abundance of raspberries, on his farm in Springfield, Georgia. He particularly enjoyed harvest time, when he shared his fruits and vegetables and visited with family and friends throughout the community.

Dr. Julian K. Quattlebaum, Jr. was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Julian Killen Quattlebaum and Helen Burkhalter Quattlebaum; a sister, Helen Quattlebaum Artley; and a daughter, Christie Elaine Quattlebaum.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Ruth Allen Quattlebaum; by three sons, Julian Killen Quattlebaum III (Kanittha), David Martin Quattlebaum (Adrian) and John Thomas Quattlebaum (Louise); three daughters, Tracey Quattlebaum McMillan (Gregory), Laura Quattlebaum Gower (Austin) and Katherine Quattlebaum Harper (Benjamin); a sister, Barbara Quattlebaum Parr; and eleven grandchildren.

CENTRAL LINCOLN PEOPLE'S UTILITY BOARD

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OF OREGON

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Central Lincoln PUD, in my congressional district, is an excellent example of People's Utility Districts that have consistently demonstrated a commitment to delivering clean energy and conservation resources to their customers. Due to their relatively small size and local consumer ownership, PUDs are able to meet the unique energy needs of their community while also investing in local renewable energy resources.

With the assistance of a nearly \$10 million federal grant, Central Lincoln PUD is poised to implement an energy saving smart grid system. Central Lincoln will contribute an additional \$9 million to the endeavor. A portion of these funds will go toward the installation of smart meters in home and business. These advanced meters will empower consumers to more effectively manage their energy use, leading to significant savings.

In addition to the smart grid project, Central Lincoln PUD has made a priority of aiding local residents, industry, and businesses with energy conservation efforts. These projects range from weatherization advice for homes to the large-scale implementation of energy saving measures at local businesses. Through this sort of individually tailored energy consultation, Central Lincoln PUD has facilitated significant energy savings for many customers who otherwise may not have had access to such resources.

Capitalizing on their coastal location, Central Lincoln PUD has become a significant player